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DERIVED FROM A HUMAN UMBILICAL
CORD OR PLACENTA**

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AMENDMENT
(37 C.F.R §1.115)

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The above amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action, paper number 9. In that Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-20, 22, and 26 as being unpatentable over the two Pratt references in view of Dardik et al. Claims 21, 23-25 were rejected as being obvious over Pratt and Dardik and further in view of Lau et al and Chin.

Pratt describes arterial allografts, and states that previous studies have showed the absence of an immune response with the use of freeze-dried interpositioned allografts. Pratt's discussion noted the study by Chow which reported freeze-dried

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